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## A N N O U N C E M E N T

The Library Section of the National Catholic Educational Association offers you its first formal attempt to create a vehicle to carry its message to our American Catholic librarians. We hope it will be a welcome, if humble, visitor. Its future lies in your hands. We hope you will be generous in your support. Each month we shall try to make it more worthy of its high mission. This month we are sending it out to as many as possible. To insure regular receipt, please forward your subscription as soon as possible. We shall especially welcome short, timely articles on library topics. Articles up to 1500 words will be especially suitable. News items concerning library procedure, gifts, lists, notices of articles written by librarians, etc. all will be welcome material. The Editor solicits suggestions of all kinds.

## M I D - W I N T E R M E E T I N G

The first Mid-Winter Conference of the Library Section will be held on December 29, 1929 at Loyola University Library in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The American Library Association will meet the two days following, December 30 and 31. We hope librarians unable to attend the June meeting will find this an opportunity to make a double professional contact. The L.S. has most important business to transact in laying final publishing plans for the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX. A report on the progress of the Membership Committee will occupy the next place of importance, and Round-Table discussion will offer an opportunity for expression to each librarian present. Details of the meeting are in the hands of Miss M. Lillian Ryan, Librarian, Loyola University, the Local Chairman. You are invited to communicate with the Local Chairman if you intend being present. We expect a goodly number.

## 1 9 3 0 N. C. E. A. M E E T

The National Catholic Educational Association will meet in New Orleans, Louisiana, from June 23 to 26, 1930, according to the announcement just received. It will be held under the auspices of Most Rev. John W. Shaw.

## L I B R A R Y R A D I O P R O G R A M S

The Librarian of St. Louis University, Rev. Henry H. Regnet, broadcasts each Friday from 5:45 to 6:05 over the University Station W E W with a review of latest Catholic books and Catholic literary news. A review of the next day's issue of "America" occupies the last five minutes. This feature was established in May 1928 by Father Regnet. Discussion is confined to Catholic literature and has proved popular with audiences.

Subscriptions received to CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX to 17 Dec. 1929:::

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Connecticut. Sister Mary Charles, Librarian; Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Rev. William Atkinson, S.J., Librarian; Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Mr. Joseph Schneider, Librarian; College Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania. Sister Miriam, Librarian; College of Mt. St. Vincent, Mt. St. Vincent, N.Y. Sister Miriam Alacogue, Dean; Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Lucile M. Reynolds, Librarian; Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J. Rev. Mgr. T. E. McLaughlin, S.T.D., Rector; Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. Miss M. Lillian Ryan, Librarian; Marygrove College, Detroit, Mich. Sister Marie Virginia, Librarian; Marywood College, Scranton, Penn. Sister M. Michael, Librarian; Mt. St. Clare College, Clinton, Iowa. Sister M. Jane Frances, Librarian; Mount St. Mary's Academy, Newburgh, N.Y. Sister M. Bernard Joseph, Librarian; Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind. Mr. Paul R. Byrne, Librarian; Rosary College, River Forest, Ill. Sister M. Reparata, Librarian; St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa. Rev. Joseph B. Code, Librarian; St. Benedict's College and Seminary, Atchison, Kansas. Rev. Colman J. Farrell, Librarian; St. Bonaventure College and Seminary, St. Bonaventure, N.Y. Rev. Albert O'Brien, Librarian; St. Catherine's College, St. Paul, Minn. Sister Marie Cecilia, Librarian; St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wisconsin. Rt. Rev. A.C. Breig, Librarian; St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Wm. J. Reiss, Librarian; St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Sister Agnes, Librarian; St. Joseph's Convent, Milwaukee, Wisc. Sister M. Joseph; St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Henry E. Regnet, Librarian; St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill. Rev. Frederick E. Hillenbrand, Librarian; St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister Gertrude, Librarian; St. Mary' College, Notre Dame, Ind. Sister M. Edith, Librarian; St. Mel High School, Chicago, Ill. Brother Francis, Principal; St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill. Rev. Adolph E. Hrdlicka, Librarian; St. Thomas College, Scranton Pa. F.E. Fitzgerald, Librarian; St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, O. Miss Sylvia Braithwaite, Librarian; Seton Hall College, South Orange, N.J. Rt. Rev. Mgr. T. E. McLaughlin, President; Trinity College, Washington, D.C. Sister M. Patricia, Librarian; Universal Knowledge Foundation, New York City. Rev. John J. Synne; University of Dayton, Dayton, O. Rev. Brother Francis M. Ruhlman, Librarian; Villanova College, Villa Nova, Pa. Rev. F.E. Tourscher, Librarian; Weston College, Weston, Mass. Rev. Edw. A. Sullivan, Librarian.

Donors to the Reserve Fund to guarantee publication of the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX and the amounts paid or pledged are: Notre Dame University, \$100 paid; Fordham University, \$100; St. Benedict's College, \$50. paid; Rosary College, \$15 paid; Trinity College, \$10 paid; and several universities and colleges are presenting the matter to their respective presidents for decision. Loyola University, Creighton University, St. Louis University, may dependably be looked to for support within a short time. The N.C.E.A. has given \$300 to this fund.

Subscriptions to the "Catholic Library World" are now at 40 paid up. A blank is enclosed for any who wish to subscribe. Please send in your subscription at once so that the bulletin will be able to reach a proper stability. We hope even individuals will wish to get their own copy.

## EDITORIAL PAGE

CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX

The need for an index to material appearing in our Catholic periodicals has been an accepted fact for the past five years. The Library Section has been urging the preparation of such an index as a matter of vital concern to Catholic education. Now indications point to a fulfillment of this demand providing publication plans proceed on schedule. At Chicago on December 29th the members of the Library Section will assemble in Loyola University Library to decide upon final plans for publication. The response to our first Announcement has brought an immediate strengthening to our project. Three universities and one college have made substantial contributions to a Reserve Fund established to guarantee publication. Several other colleges and universities have already given smaller amounts or are taking up the matter with proper authorities. The National Catholic Educational Association has pledged \$300 to aid the project. With these convincing demonstrations the publication plans for the Catholic Periodical Index have passed the preliminary stages and entered upon a practical problem of arranging for publication. This is a most gratifying situation, especially when at this early date the editor has received paid subscriptions totaling \$292.50, and in addition donations to the Reserve Fund of \$385, making a grand total from all sources of \$977.50. "Well begun is half done", but we must not let first success lessen our efforts. These results represent the earliest responses and are from librarians to whom the appearance of a Catholic Periodical Index is hailed with the immediate support that they know such a project must have to succeed. There are hundreds of other colleges and high schools yet to approach and convince that their support is not only needed, but indispensable. We can not urge too strongly that any Catholic library worthy of the name should make every sacrifice, from deferring other important accessions to securing an additional amount to their present budget, to the end that their support will not be lacking in this first and critical year of existence of the Catholic Periodical Index. 250 subscriptions are needed to make the C.P.I. certain. Will you send in yours now? We need it!

THE ROLL OFF HONOR

Glancing over the libraries on page two, we notice the most important names in Catholic education listed. Universities and colleges known over the United States among their sister institutions for progressive action. With their leadership we can confidently look forward to an early date when this list will be a roll call of every worth while Catholic institution in the country. Such is the hope of every librarian connected with the publication of the Catholic Periodical Index. It is a test of the unity that is supposed to exist in our ranks and which singles Catholics out for criticism at times. UNITY OF ACTION on the part of thoughtful librarians will be the sole safeguard of the plans of the Library Section.

We hope each library subscribing will make of itself a center of information and inspiration for the new work. Without thorough cooperation no project can hope for success and certainly such a measure as this deserves your support.

### NEW MEMBERS

In order to insure greater backing in its projects the Library Section needs more members. The present campaign for additional members of our organization is showing a few gains, but on account of the demands of the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX no great effort has been made so far. A few members have been added nevertheless and in the spring a more intense effort will be made to interest those who should find in our group a congenial and favorable ground for rendering Catholic library service on a national scale. Meanwhile we urge all members to make a quiet canvass of their own vicinity with a view to interesting as many as possible to join either the National Catholic Educational Association Library Section or some other department of their interest. New blood will invigorate the whole organization. The National Education Association and the American Library Association with their tens of thousands of members are able to carry on a huge program of development and render a remarkable aid to the public at large. We have an equally pressing task to render to our Catholic educational service in all states of the Union. We invite everyone interested in the work of the N.C.E.A. Library Section to send in their membership to Sister M. Reparata, Librarian, Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, or make inquiries of Reverend Sister.

### NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The Secretary General of the National Catholic Educational Association, Rev. Dr. George Johnson, has fully approved the work of the Library Section. The Chairman had an interview with Dr. Johnson on November 22 in which our plans were discussed. The Finance Committee did not approve of collecting Sectional dues, but did grant \$300 towards the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX. The establishment of the official organ of the Library Section - the "Catholic Library World"-was endorsed by the Secretary General, and he expressed his pleasure in our activity.

The Mid-Winter meeting will have special coverage assigned by the NEWS SERVICE of the National Catholic Welfare Council through the arrangements made with Mr. Justin McGrath, the director. The NEWS SERVICE representative in Chicago, Mr. Archie Ward, will attend our meeting.

Mr. Francis M. Crowley, director of the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Education, and Mr. Charles A. McMahon, editor of the N.C.W.C. Bulletin, will give their cooperation in the preparation, and publicity program of the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX. The N.C.W.C. is also subscribing to C.P.I.

Rev. John J. Wynne, S.J., University Knowledge Foundation, New York, expressed great interest in the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX and immediately forwarded a subscription.

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## "ON BEING A JOINER."

The United States has many lawmaking bodies other than legislatures of national and state governments. Witness the super-government established by the Anti-Saloon League, an organization with no legal status as a lawmaking body but which is being investigated for its lobbying activities, as charged, by the Senate. Other agencies of a more peaceful and productive nature are confidently making their laws knowing that without question their recommendations will be effective. The worthy and constructive missions of these organizations in general secure for them an obedience which needs no armies or police to enforce. For example in this group such bodies as the American Medical Association, the American Bar Association, and so forth, perform a task which the government itself would find extremely difficult or impossible. Public opinion is a factor in making possible the beneficial work of such agencies. In a country like ours their activities are a reflection of the capability of a republican form of government to be self-corrective and self-motivated. Influence depends on moral suasion, the human respect element, the instincts for improvement, in the performance of these extra-governmental functions. It is even highly dubious whether the federal or state governments could administer these agencies successfully even if handed over intact. The federalization of work with the Indian has not met with marked success, still the Indian Missions have been most successful.

For the purposes of our treatment, we may define the members or 'joiners' of such organizations whose object is the promotion of the public good in some form or other as one who associates himself with projects whose aim is social betterment. In this sense we should urge every librarian to affiliate with the American Library Association, every teacher with the National Education Association, and more particularly every Catholic to join in those activities sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the many other beneficial efforts to better conditions in all fields. To be a 'joiner' in this sense is to be a worthy citizen, an upholder of all that is good and true and beautiful in life. In giving vent to that so happily named 'Divine Discontent' we are aiding progress to perfection. We commend these 'joiners' as being the bulwark of social advancement and as performers of God's will. Making the analogy more specific, we urge our Catholic librarians to join in the work of the Library Section of the National Catholic Educational Association. Our library progress will be greatly expedited if more and more of our Catholic librarians will affiliate themselves in our work by taking out individual memberships and thus cooperating in enlarging the program of activities we are endeavoring to accomplish. We must strive energetically to bring up to a high state of efficiency and value of Catholic libraries in keeping with the value and dignity to God and country of Catholic education.

Francis E. Fitzgerald

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A "Brief Bibliography on International Relations" appears in the International Relations News Letter, v.1, No.1, p.3, Nov. 1929. This organ is issued monthly by the Catholic Association for International Peace

NEWS FROM THE FIELD (concluded)

The "Commonweal" although already included in the "Readers' Guide" is most interested in the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX and will give a subscription as a mark of cooperation. Rev. Wilfrid J. Parsons, S.J. and Rev. F.P. LeBuffe, S.J. of "America" have both expressed their interest in the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX and promise a subscription. All the periodical publications of The American Press will be included in the new index, namely: "America", "Catholic Mind", and "Thought".

Mr. Joseph Schneider, librarian of Catholic University, Washington, D.C. subscriber and cooperator to the C.P.I. held open house for the chairman on his recent visit to Washington.

Rev. James A. Greeley makes a book selection for the Christmas buyer to scan in "America" 42:236-39 14 D'29. About 250 titles are listed.

Librarians attending the Mid-Winter meeting of the Library Section will have an opportunity to view Loyola's new \$300,000 library bldg.

St. Thomas College, Scranton, has completed new quarters for the college library at a cost of \$6000 for new steel stacks, light oak furniture, lighting, and decorating. The Reading Room seats 105.

The University of Dayton, Brother Francis M. Ruhlman, Librarian, also Secretary of the Library Section, Dayton, Ohio, has issued a souvenir book to commemorate the dedication of the Albert Emmanuel Library, a gift to the University of Mr. Victor Emanuel. The volume contains three essays and a preface by Theodore Wesley Koch whose first essay: "Reading: A Vice or a Virtue?" gives the book its title. A series of 31 illustrations form a most instructive and attractive feature.

## LAST MINUTE FLASHES

Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan. Sister Marie Virginia, Librarian. Donated \$50.00 to the Reserve Fund besides acting as a cooperating indexer for two titles and subscribing. Subscription to the C.L.W. Sure;

St. Joseph's Convent, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. sent \$20.00 as the donation of the School Sisters of St. Francis Community together with subscriptions to the C.L.W. and the Catholic Library World.

Mr. H. W. Wilson forwarded his check for five subscriptions to the C.L.W. Mr. Wilson is contributing the indexing of all Catholic periodicals in the Wilson indexes as his contribution to the C.L.W.

Librarians who wish to make returns for their libraries in time for the Chicago meeting, December 29th are urged to send them to the Chairman, Care of Loyola University Library, Chicago, Ill. from December 26 to 31. The Chairman will be in Scranton until Dec. 25 and return on January 3, 1930. Wire, write, or telephone. We want to incorporate all donations to the Reserve Fund, C.P.I. subscriptions, in the Report to be read at the meeting. Will your library be on the roll?

Subscription blanks for the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD are enclosed. We hope our humble little paper will meet with a cordial reception by all.